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NEW HIGHWAYS AND RAIL LINES OPENED

NEW RAIL LINE IN SLOVENIA -- Borba, No 301, 14 Dec 48

Work on the Sezana-Dutovlje railroad line in the Slovenian Primorje should be finished and ready for traffic in a week. Building began in April. The 3-kilometer-long line crosses very difficult terrain, nowhere level for as much as 15 meters, and in one rocky section passes through a long tunnel.

This line will provide a direct connection between Nova Gorica and Ljubljana.

NEW TRANSPORTATION MINISTRIES -- Borba, No 299, 12 Dec 48

The formation of three ministries in the Yugoslav federal government was decreed on 11 December. A Ministry of Railroads and a Ministry of Transportation have been formed out of the former Ministry of Transportation, and there will be a new Ministry for Science and Culture.

The new Ministry of Transportation will take over matters of river and air transportation from the former Ministry of Transportation, as well as matters of automotive and road transportation from the former Committee for Automotive Transportation of the federal government, and matters of construction and maintenance of roads from the Ministry of Construction of the federal government.

Todor Vujasinovic, former Minister of Transportation in the federal government, will be the new Minister of Railroads, and Bozidar Maslaric will be the new Minister of Transportation.

RAILROAD LINE ACROSS THE METOHIJA -- Borba, No 296, 8 Dec 48

Over 300 members of the People's Front are building the standard-gauge railroad line from Metohija to Prizren in the valley of the Crim. The line will connect the Metohija area with the Pec-Kosovo Polje railroad line and the rest of Yugoslavia.

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MACEDONIAN RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Politika, No 13106, 13 Dec 48

One of the most important projects in Macedonia, the standard-gauge Skoplje-Costivar railroad line, is to be finished during the first half of 1949. Work was begun in the summer of 1948.

FOREST RAILROAD IN SERBIA -- Borba, No 295, 7 Dec 48

Work was begun in May 1948 on a forest railroad in the Balotici forests of Stayica Srez /in the Serbian Sandjak/. Thus far the line has been cut from the Ibar River to the Balotici forests. The work was slowed by a manpower shortage at the beginning of the project.

The earthwork and blasting are scheduled to be finished by mid-December.

FOREST RAIL LINE IN BOSNIA -- Borba, No 299, 12 Dec 48

Seventeen kilometers of forest railroad have been built in eastern Bosnia between Miljina and Medjuresje.

SHIPYARD BUILDS STEAM ENGINE -- Borba, No 295, 7 Dec 48

Rijeka -- On 6 December a large steam engine for a freighter was completed at the "Treci Maj" Shipyard. It is the second engine built by the workers of this shipyard by their own labor and from Yugoslav materials, and it is the first of its kind to be built in Yugoslavia.

The 21-ton engine generates 600 horsepower, makes 125 revolutions per minute, and creates a steam pressure of 13 atmospheres.

SHIPYARD MEETS PLAN -- Borba, No 299, 12 Dec 48

The river shipyard at Belgrade fulfilled its 1948 production plan on 9 December.

BROTHERHOOD AND UNITY HIGHWAY -- Borba, No 293, 5 Dec 48

When work for 1948 on the Youth section of the "Bratstvo-Jedinstvo" (Brotherhood and Unity) Highway was formally closed on 29 November, the following successes had been achieved since 1 April: A standard-gauge, 132-kilometer-long railroad track for transporting materials and another track, 180 kilometers long, had been laid; 16 concrete bridges with a total length of 810 meters, and about a dozen smaller culverts had been built; and 512,000 square meters of concrete pavement, about 120 thousand square meters of asphalt pavement, over 20,000 square meters of cobblestone, and about 60,000 square meters of stone roadbed had been laid.

SECTION OF HIGHWAY OPENED -- Borba, No 299, 12 Dec 48

On 11 December the section of the Brotherhood and Unity Highway from Zagreb to Ivanograd, 32 kilometers and 126 meters long, was opened to traffic. The project has taken more than 8 months.

A standard-gauge railroad track 41 kilometers long was built as soon as the project was started, to expedite the work and to assure transport of manpower and materials. This track connects with the regular railroad line at Sesvete, Dejanovici, and Novoselec-Kriz.

One hundred twelve subordinate projects, including large bridges over the Lonja and Cesma Rivers, were built on this section of the highway.

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TRANSPORTATION IN BELGRADE -- Politika, No 13105, 12 Dec 48

On 10 December the City Transportation Enterprise in Belgrade carried its 130 millionth passenger and fulfilled its 1948 plan, although it had fewer vehicles and covered fewer kilometers than the plan envisaged.

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